

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 684

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Joseph Vann Mullins of Cookeville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Joseph Vann Mullins; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mullins was an exemplary public servant and consummate individual who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Vann Mullins was born September 19, 1917, to Joseph Robert (Bob) and Ruth Martin Mullins; and

WHEREAS, a true American patriot, he was a World War II veteran who served four years in the European Theatre; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Mullins enjoyed the outdoors, making his living as a farmer, and was an avid fox hunter; and

WHEREAS, a respected civic leader, Mr. Mullins was a member and past president of the Putnam County Farm Bureau for sixty-one years, was a member of the board of directors of the Tennessee Farm Bureau for twelve years, served on the board of directors for Upper Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation for nineteen years, and was a member and past president of the Putnam Farmer's Co-op and the Livestock Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mullins was an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church of Cookeville, which he served faithfully for many years as deacon; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Vann Mullins was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Vann Mullins enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Alberta Naomi LaBrot Mullins, who preceded him in death, and was the proud father of son, Joe (Becky)

Mullins, and daughter, Judy Mullins (Bob) Lollar. He will also be sorely missed by his five grandchildren: Brent, Charlie (Jessica), and Michael Mullins, Tammy Lollar (Mark) Brady, and Robert (Tiffany) Lollar; and five great-grandchildren: Kelsey, Kaylee, Dawson, Will, and Wes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mullins leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Joseph Vann Mullins, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Mullins.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.